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SUBJ: AALC PROGRAM IN NIGERIA

- 1. IN SURPRISEVISIT TO EMBASSY TODAY, OKON ESHIETT OF TRADE UNION ISTITUTE (TUI) ADVISED POLOFF THAT NIGERIAN OWNER OF AALC REPRESENTATIVE'S RESIDENCE BROKE INTO HOUSE LATE LAST WEEK AND REMOVED AALC FURNISHINGS TO AS YET UNKNOWN "STORAGE" PLACE. OWNER BRUSHED ASIDE OBJECTIONS OF CARETAKER STAFF, SAYING HE TAKING POSSISSION OF HOUSE (DESPITE FACT THAT AALC CURRENT LEASE VALID UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1977). ESHIETT SAID HE HAS WRITTEN LETTER TO BRIG. YAR'ADUA (CHIEF OF STAFF, SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, NUMBER TWO MAN IN NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT) WITH COPIES APPROPRIATE POLICE OFFICIALS PROTESTING ACTION AND REQUESTING GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE.
- 2. EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION ON OWNER'S ACTION & WHEREABOUTS FURNITURE. SUGGEST AALC SEND WRITTEN AS ESHIETT INDICATED TUI COPY OF FURNITURE INVENTORY AMONGST PAPERS SEIZED BY POLICE LAST DECEMBER, AND THEREFORE NOT ACCESSIBLE, RECOMMEND AALC SEND TWO COPIES ITS INVENTORY LIST TO EMBASSY SOONEST.
- 3. ESHIETT'S CALL AT EMBASSY WAS ENROUTE TO MEETING(TO WHICH HE HAD BEEN "SUMMONED") WITH LABOR MINISTRY OFFICIALS RE FUTURE OF TUI. AS OF TIME PREPARATION THIS MESSAGE, ESHIETT HAS NOT INFORMED US RESULT THAT MEETING. WE WILL REPORT AS SOON AS INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE. UNCLASSIFIED

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